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## SYNOPSIS.

The young man whose adventures are told by the author enlisted in the Texas Rangers and followed the fortunes of his command through those trying days when the "Lone Star State" was battling for its independence. In the previous chapter his party was riding before a prairie fire, the hero's horse was exhausted, and escape from a fiery death seemed impossible.

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A young lady, a Spanish woman of about 18 years, a very pretty brunette, came to the door and asked what was wanted. I hardly knew what I did want, so I replied that I wanted to purchase some cattle. She nodded and asked me to come in to the house. I did not know whether to venture farther or not, but I could not disobey the beautiful young brunette's request, having my pony to the gatepost. I stepped lightly across the garden to the doorway.

The young lady came to the door and asked, "Your title?" "Karl Prest," I replied. "This is the home of the Señoras DeAtt. My name is Inez DeAtt. My aunt" (she led me to an adjoining room, "her title is DeAtt, also.")

She motioned me to a chair. I sat down, and she (the young lady) and I sat down. She asked me to come in to the house. I did not know whether to venture farther or not, but I could not disobey the beautiful young brunette's request, having my pony to the gatepost. I stepped lightly across the garden to the doorway.

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in a Testament that he had brought with him. He politely asked me to be seated on a log, and twisting his mustache and looking at me with his keen eyes, he said:

"I have been informed that you have been riding in a prairie fire, and are scouting to call at the little house up the valley."

"Yes, sir," I replied; "but may I ask who told you that?"

"I will tell you, it was Degiff, your companion scout. He reports that you go there often."

"Very true, very true. But did you know that Degiff went to the house every time he scouts in the north?"

"No; but it is this way: you and Degiff will neither one go there again if you value your safety. These people are Mexicans, and you know Mexicans cannot be trusted."

"They say they hate the Mexicans, and, as they live in Texas, I supposed they were friends; they act that way with us here again, without my orders to do so, I will have you plunged into the river; and Degiff will receive the same orders," and he bowed me out of the tent.

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Sec. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same be repealed.

Approved, May 17, 1900.

ROASTED LOCUSTS.

Delicacies of the Season at Making. [Making Goodness of Genuineness.]

I will not here say much about the food question; at the present moment it is a matter of life and death to many of us, and with others, will keep until the war is over, and the time comes to tell the story of Making in its entirety. But I may tell of a collation to which I was invited by a friend, and it is a matter for which I am grateful to the friends who made it possible.

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EVERYDAY LIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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The next day, at noon, the General waited upon the President, to receive his commission. The interview took place in the East room, and there were present, besides the members of the Cabinet, Gen. Halleck, a member of Congress, two of Gen. Grant's staff-officers, his eldest son, Fredrick D. Grant, and the President's private secretary.

The ceremony was simple, the President saying, as he proffered the papers: "The Nation's appreciation of what you have done is its reliance upon you for what remains to be done in the existing great struggle, are now presented with this commission, constituting you Lieutenant-General in the Army of the United States. With this high honor devolves upon you also a corresponding responsibility. As the country here trusts you, so, under God, it will support you, and it is my duty to add that with what I here speak for the Nation goes my own hearty personal concurrence."

The General responded briefly, promising to "accept the commission with gratitude for the high honor conferred. With the aid of the noble armies that have fought on so many fields for our common country, will be my earnest endeavor not to disappoint your expectations. I feel the full weight of the responsibilities now devolving on me, and I know that if they are met it will be due to those armies, and above all to the favor of that Providence which leads both nations and men."

GRANT COULDN'T STAY TO DINNER. Before assuming his duties as commander of the Army of the Potomac, as he had determined to do, Gen. Grant found it necessary to return once more to the West. In his absence, the command of the Army of the Potomac was assumed by Gen. Lee. The General's departure was a great disappointment to the people of the South, who had hoped to see him in person.

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